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Applicant: Eiichi Naito et al.
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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.